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MEMORANDUM FOR: Division and Staff Chiefs
SUBJECT : The CS Historical Program
REFERENCE : DDP Memo No. 72-1420, 31 March 1972,
The CIA and the CS Historical Programs

1. The following are elements of the continuing CS historical program:

a. Preservation of documents of historical value: program and operational reviews; station chronicles; succession of station chiefs and key personnel; similar chronicles and lists for divisions and staffs and the Office of the DDP.

b. Systematic debriefing of returning chiefs of the more active and important stations and of other key operational personnel in the field, as well as of key Headquarters personnel.

c. Using funds and personnel at their disposal, divisions and staffs to be encouraged to prepare such historical type papers, including ^{station histories} operational monographs and operational reviews, as they may find useful or of interest. The CS historical staff would be available for

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research support and consultation as desired. Some of these papers might be published in the CSHP series; others might be preserved as source documents for use in future historical research.

d. Preparation of historical papers on a limited number of subjects specifically approved by the DDP and the Executive Director-Comptroller. Writers to be contract or staff, and selection of writers to be with CSHP and division or staff concurrence, and DDP approval. ~~A proposed list is attached.~~

e. "Targets of Opportunity". When a qualified writer with unique knowledge of an important subject becomes or can be made available, he might be assigned to preparing or contributing to a history or monograph, even though the title might not be among those previously approved per sub para d above.

2. CS components will be expected to accomplish sub paras a, b, and c above within their existing budgets and personnel ceilings. The DDP will be prepared to assist with funds and slots to facilitate

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preparation of scheduled CSHP papers as described
in sub parts d and e.

3. Further details and clarification of the
program outlined above will be provided by the CS
Historical Board. The Board is of course available
for consultation on any aspect of the program.

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Attachment:
List, as stated

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